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'A Night Under The Stars'

By: MacKenzie Rock

Like most schools, Homecoming is a big deal, decorating hallways then playing games after school and having contests all week. Then we have the pep-rally on that last day where the school comes together and pump up our basketball team to do their best for the Homecoming game and so they know we will always be cheering them on from the stands. Homecoming week is a week where the entire school can bond these memories that everyone gains during the week are memories we will always keep with us.

Spirit week is the week of Homecoming and where freshmen through seniors earn points for their class. Monday is 'Merica Day', Tuesday's theme is PJ Day, Wednesday is Camo Day, Thursday is battle of the class colors seniors wore blue, juniors wore red, then sophomores wore yellow and freshmen had orange, eighth grade had green and seventh grade had purple. Friday was blue and white day along with a pep-assembly. During the pep assembly, the seniors played the staff in basketball with the seniors winning 14-13. During the halftime, Mr. Porter got a pie in the face from Hayleigh Spires for a freshman class fundraiser.

The boys' basketball game against Covington on Friday night was a victory for the Jets. The boys beat Covington by 30 point's and started our Homecoming weekend off right. The Homecoming Court consisted of the king Ethan Conley and Queen Kristen Zink, seniors Shelby Bowser, Anna Flora, Peyton Archer, Larkin Ressler, Luke Booher Ethan Coppess, and Princess Lily Moore and Prince Wyatt Bixler. The 2017 queen Grace Fee crowned Kristen Zink and the 2017 king Kyle Ressler crowned Ethan Conley.

Homecoming was a night to remember with the theme of "A Night Under the Stars", as students walked in and they were surrounded by gold and blue lights. On the ceiling there were star balloons hanging down, blue lights illuminated the dance floor. Students were dressed to impress, wearing either a long or short dress, sparkly or plain or a design. The boys were wearing their best suit and tie for the event, they had on bow ties or long ties. All freshmen through seniors danced the night and had an awesome DJ playing songs from the eighties to now. If anything homecoming week is always going to be a week everyone will remember.



Mr. Porter got a pie in the face during the Pep Rally.



Kirsten Zink and Ethan Conley after they won Homecoming Queen/King



Picture of one of the new Blue Boxes in our school.

School security makes a scene

By: Olivia Graves

Deputy Moody, the Franklin Monroe resource officer, is the first full-time deputy for the 2018-2019 school year. He is the third officer that Franklin Monroe has had. The previous, were Officer Garbig of last year and Officer Brinely, of the year before. The school started to enforce this level of security because of dangers, specifically school shootings, that were happening in other schools. These incidents gave way for the advanced security modifications that took place. As for Deputy Moody, he has been obtained by Franklin Monroe schools to provide security against threats, investigate crime in the school, and teach students about bus safety, farm safety, and internet safety. Though he is an important part of the safety of the school, others like Mr. Burgett, also contribute.

Mr. Burgett, the Franklin Monroe high school principal, is considered the incident commander when it comes to these situations. He is in charge of notifying 911, communicating the next appropriate action to the staff, going with the resource officer to monitor the situation, and to provide updates or further instruction. He has said that "In an emergency it is extremely important to listen to your teachers, stay calm, and watch out for each other." Over the years, especially this year, the school security has enhanced greatly. For example; cameras have been installed all over the school and portable intercoms have been given to staff members. These "walkie-talkies" can reach Arcanum and Trivillage high schools. Their main purpose is to be able to contact them in the event of an emergency.

There are other things in the building that helps to protect the people in it, bully breaks help to keep the door blocked if someone tries to break in. These devices are small yellow slabs that are placed on a door's hinges to keep the door from opening. Also, the automatic doors shut and lock if the magnetic post is disconnected from the opposing magnetic corner of the door. Another safety element of the school is the blue boxes, these are placed throughout the school and are important for acknowledging a problem to the proper authorities. When a switch is pulled on these devices, a silent alarm is set off and the sheriff's department is immediately notified.

Not only has the security itself changed, but relationships with the students as well. Since Deputy Moody is a full-time officer, he has had an effect on elementary students, definitely. These students see him as a superhero in costume because of all the good he does for the school. He explains how "School security is a team effort." Considering it takes everyone playing their part to ensure safety, this statement is truly crucial for students to understand.

Senior Center

By: Amy Besecker

As early application deadlines fade away, it's important to keep in mind that regular decision deadlines are just around the corner. Many colleges have deadlines on either January or February 1, so it's important to make sure applications are in. Franklin Monroe's counselor Mrs. Ayres has several other things to keep in mind:

- Make sure your FAFSA is completed, as many colleges use it for priority decision.
- If you are interested in joining the military, Mrs. Ayres can provide contact information of recruiters.
- For students taking Edison classes, the deadline to drop a class is January 28.
- Rachel from Edison will be here on January 15 to meet with students to ensure they are on track for their Associate's degree.
- If you are accepted to a college or plan to commit to a college, let Mrs. Ayres know.

As always, if you have any questions, you can always contact Mrs. Ayres through her email, or visit her in the counselor's office. She encourages all seniors to keep checking their email and remind for updates on information.



Becca Trent and her winning Avengers themed gingerbread skyscraper.



FM's BPA students holding their awards.

Spice the walls

By: Jonathan Chen

At Franklin Monroe High School the STEM class built their own gingerbread skyscrapers during the month of December to apply their knowledge of construction and alternative building materials, but also because it is the Christmas season. Instead of store-bought gingerbread house kits and premade icing, the students made everything from scratch. With the use of eggs, softened butter, salt, ginger, allspice, cinnamon, cumin, molasses, flour to make the gingerbread, and water to make the brick and mortar of the skyscrapers. The students are tasked to build a gingerbread skyscraper that'll meet the criteria of being 60% hollow and be all edible, they'll also be graded on finishing the process by certain deadlines. After making the mortar with meringue powder, cocoa, and instant coffee and the stained glass windows with sugar and corn syrup, they baked the gingerbread with all the other ingredients. Once they have finished building their houses they'll be judged by the students on the day of the holiday movie before Christmas break to select which one was the best and the winner will receive a special prize.

UPDATE: Winner of the Gingerbread Skyscraper competition is Becca Trent! Way To Go Becca!

BPA hits the gavel for another successful year at regionals - By: Nicole Brocious

Franklin Monroe Business Professionals of America attended their Regional Awards Ceremony on December 13th at Memorial Hall to congratulate their efforts from judged and written events a week previous. Judged events took place at MVCTC the evening of December 4th and judges spent the night totaling scores to be printed onto plaques and medallions for the awards ceremony. Written events were completed the week of judged events during Mrs. Wiant's business classes.

The top 3 achievers for each written event and the winner of each judged event are given the opportunity to move on to the state level competition. This will be held in Columbus at the Hyatt on March 14th and 15th. The third type of event, open events, do not qualify students for state competition but instead award them with a certificate of achievement if they place.

The awards ceremony started with the introduction of BPA Regional Officers as follows: Nathan Simpson, Parliamentarian, Taceana Zelaya, Historian, Trinity Layman, Treasurer, Addison Spitler, Secretary, Nicole Brocious, Vice President, and Max Erwin, President. It was then followed by congratulations to all the schools for raising over \$1,200 in support of Special Olympics, a new record. Following this, Mr. Peltz, the awards announcer, walked onto the stage to begin the awards ceremony.

Many Franklin Monroe BPA members placed in both written and judged events as well as open events. The students that placed in their events go as follows:

BPA's advisor Mrs. Wiant describes the Regional Awards Ceremony as, "the most successful year so far. We have the most students going to state this year than any other year before. We have earned more awards this year than any other year in the past." When asked what led to this year's success, Mr. Wiant stated that "For the upperclassmen, it was a matter of experience and knowing how to prepare. For underclassmen, it was a great learning experience to know what to do for next year".

Principal Mr. Burgett and Superintendent Mr. Pequignot also attended the awards ceremony and when asked of the organization's results, Mr. Burgett replied with, "I think it went really well. I'm super proud of all of our kids. We had 10 winners which are more than we've ever had before. As a principal, I am always really proud of what Mrs. Wiant and the kids accomplish through BPA."

Congratulations to all the BPA members who placed in their events!!!:

Ting Hao Zheng	1st	Financial Math & Analysis
Clay Eikenberry	2nd	Financial Math & Analysis
Darcy Denlinger	4th	Financial Math & Analysis
Chloe Brumbaugh	6th	Financial Math & Analysis
Meredith Cook	1st	Management/Marketing/Human Resources
Amy Besecker	2nd	Management/Marketing/Human Resources
Nathaniel Davis	5th	Management/Marketing/Human Resources
Corina Conley	4th	Fundamental Accounting
Brooke Lavy	6th	Fundamental Accounting
Kim Fourman	4th	Intermediate Word Processing Skills
Daniel Nottingham	5th	Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications
The team of Savannah Booker, Lydia Mikesell, and Stacey Reder	2nd	Web Site Design Team
Ethan Conley	2nd	Advanced Interview Skills
Nathaniel Davis	2nd	Extemporaneous Speech
Kaitlyn McNutt	2nd	Presentation Management – Individual
Zack Wogoman	3rd	Presentation Management – Individual

Congratulations to the following BPA members who will compete at the state level!

Chase Osterday	1st	Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications
Audrey Cable	2nd	Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications
Simon Mote	1st	Fundamental Word Processing Skills
Chloe Brumbaugh	1st	Intermediate Word Processing Skills
Clay Eikenberry	2nd	Banking & Finance
Ting Hao Zheng	4th	Banking and Finance
Darcy Denlinger	2nd	Payroll Accounting
Belle Cable	3rd	Advanced Word Processing Skills
Christiana Singer	1st	Interview Skills
Amy Besecker	1st	Extemporaneous Speech
Nicole Brocious	1st	Prepared Speech



Lady Jets battle the bees

By: Olivia Graves

The Franklin Monroe Jets beat the Bethel Bees 63-39 at FM on Tuesday, December 11th. When both of these teams entered the basketball court, a lot was expected from both of them. With Bethel at an overall record of 5-2 and FM at a record of 4-2. Going into this game both teams knew that they would have to put up a fight if they wanted to win. At the beginning of the game, Bethel gets the ball and immediately makes two points shot by Natalie Moorman, but FM wasn't having that. Belle Cable and Corina Conely collectively score 7 points with Bethel trailing at 4. So far it's looking good for FM. Though Bethel comes back and almost ties the score at 12-11 ending the first quarter. FM and Bethel were close during the first half, but somehow FM picked up the slack and steamed by Bethel in the second half. By the end of the third quarter, FM was leading by a score of 51-27. Coach Moore of Franklin Monroe, noticed the lack of energy in the beginning and then the sudden rush of excitement in the second half. "Bethel plays very aggressively and scrappy, when they drain a shot they gain confidence," Coach Moore said about their opponents' drive during the game. Though, FM pulled through and boosted each other up to win, "We decided to pick it up, we decided to be aggressive and spark the lead in the second quarter," Coach Moore agreed that this was the reason for their upbringing in the second half. Players such as Corina Conely also feel this way, "What keeps me going in the game, [is] if we get a good play, we get hyped and we just keep it going. We want to continue to get those steals on defense, or those stops because it makes us feel good [knowing] we worked together well." Towards the end of the game the pace stayed the same, Bethel was trailing by double digits. As the last few seconds drained off of the score clock, FM gained the win.

FM Cheers for all

By: Grace Gilmore

There are many supporters for all of the boys' basketball games. The main supporters are the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders pumping up the crowd to encourage their team. The Varsity cheerleaders this year consist of Peyton Archer, Brooklyn Drake, Keara Knepshield, and Kirsten Zink. The Junior Varsity cheerleaders this year include Miranda Bridenbaugh, Tristen Collins, Caroline Kress, Hayleigh Spires, Rileigh Vance, and Kloe Zink.



FM cheerleaders before our pep rally.



FM Girl's basketball team posing for a picture.

Academic Team shows trivia triumph

By: Amy Besecker

The season has ended and it's been another successful year for the Franklin Monroe academic team headed by Mr. Ingold. The team participated in five meets across Darke and Miami County and landed in 5th place out of 12th in the division.

"Franklin Monroe went 6-5," says leader Mr. Ingold, meaning Franklin Monroe's team won 6 matches and lost 5. The team, which includes Nicole Brocious, Ting-Hao Zheng, Meredith Cook, Chase Osterday, Ross Thayer, Caden Goins, Nathaniel Davis, Clay Eikenberry, Micah Stacy, Jonathan Chen, Mitchell Schmitmeyer, Selene Weaver, Isaac Shellabarger, and Carry Miller, prepares for their matches by practicing every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school by using questions from previous meets. So what exactly happens at matches? Senior Meredith Cook, a member of Franklin Monroe's academic team, tells us. "We start out with groups of four," she says, "and we take turns switching out so we are all able to compete." Every group takes turns answering trivia questions about a multitude of various topics. These topics can range anywhere from current events to American literature and geography questions.

In addition to different topics, there are also different rounds that add variety to the meets. Examples include a lightning round in which the person who buzzes in first gets to answer the question and an alphabet round where all of the answers to the questions will start with the same letter.

Chase Osterday, who scored the most points throughout the season shares what he enjoys about the academic team: "We have a lot of fun and different inside jokes." The team is always encouraging new members to join and promises a lot of fun to those who do. If you are interested in joining the academic team, talk to Mr. Ingold about competing in the 2019-2020 season. There are no qualifications other than having fun and trying your best!



FFA goes Christmas Caroling

By: Makayla Knipp

Franklin Monroe had the honor of going Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, in the town of Greenville. They went to The Village Greene Retirement Community, Heartland of Greenville, and Rest Haven. While at each of these locations, the students walked through the halls singing various Christmas carols. Occasionally, when they would find a group of individuals sitting in one of the large community room areas, they would stop and sing a few songs for the group. They were even invited into several of the rooms to share their singing talents with individual residents.

The FFA members prepared for this activity by selecting a variety of Christmas carols and creating a songbook with the lyrics. During homeroom throughout the week, the students would gather in the ag. shop and practice to get more familiar with the songs. They also took time on the bus ride to get one last practice in before presenting their talents to the residents of these assisted living facilities. They spent about 30 minutes at each of these locations and it was easy to see that this activity was fun and exciting for everyone involved. The students were smiling and laughing throughout the event. As far as the residents were concerned, many of them joined in with the singing if they knew the words. There was even one resident who followed the group around throughout their time at that location!

The evening was capped off with a dinner in Greenville where the students enjoyed each others company and revisited some of the events of the evening. On the ride back to the high school, several of the members shared how much fun they had and they are ready to do this again next year. The FFA chapter would like to thank the administrations at both the Miami Valley Career Technology Center and Franklin Monroe for supporting this fun and worthwhile activity. Along with FFA Advisor Kevin Bergman, the following members attended this activity: Zach Little, Katie Ressler,, Kaden Spirito, Kim Fourman, Cavin Baker, Reagan Warner, Parker Scharr, Caroline Kress, Micah Delk, Dean Sease, Caitlynne Kindard,, Makayla Knipp, Elisabeth Williams, Brendan Hossler, and Morgan Hissong.



Above are the FFA students who went Caroling.

Christmas concert for band and choir

By: Kevin Bancroft

FM's Junior High and High School Band/Choir have been practicing every day for both concert performances and basketball game appearances. Both JH and HS band and choir had a concert on Monday, December 10th. The concert went very well, drawing large applause from the audience. For the band, however, this is the beginning as they start performances of the home basketball games, in which all HS Band members must attend. Although FM's choir may not perform at live sporting events, they did extraordinarily well at the concert. They started the night off nicely by providing peppy winter songs to get everyone in the holiday spirit. With many more performances left in the year, everyone will definitely get their fill with FM's great music program.

Cafeteria renovation coming in January

By: Angee Weaver

Your votes are in and we have a name for the cafeteria! January 7, 2019, the cafeteria gets a new look, a name, and lots of new choices!

- Boneless hot wing chicken
- Build your own burrito
- Dress your hotdog day
- Make your own pizza munchable
- Uncrustable munchable
- Beautiful and fresh salads

Weight'lifting' spirits

By: Selene Weaver

The start of weightlifting has just begun and is open to anyone interested, especially those who are wanting to work off any snacks they've eaten over Christmas Break. Coach Ingold is in charge of the after-school activity, planning workouts that will leave anyone tired. Weightlifting is 4 days a week, and takes place from 3-4:30 typically.

The activities focus on all muscle groups and vary by day. At the beginning of the week, the upper body muscles are used to bench and partake in dumbbell work. As the week goes on, workouts involve squat, deadlift, board bench, and abs. If one is up for the challenge, Coach Ingold will make a workout just for them that will leave them sore in the morning. Anyone looking for more information can stop by Mr. Ingold's room for a packet.



The cafeteria front before the remodeling.



A picture of the weightlifting room in the old building.

Sonic Sound wants to know - What is your favorite Christmas movie and why???



Matthew Brookey- *A Christmas Story* because "I've watched it every year since I was born."



Mackenzie Rock- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* because "I love the storyline of it."



Stella Shellabarger- *Christmas Shoes* because "it's a really sweet Christmas movie to watch."



Chloe Wolf- *The Grinch* because "it's a childhood favorite of mine."



Chloe McGlinch- *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* because "it's really funny."



Mr. Ingold - *Elf* because "the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for the world to hear."

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A Sonic Sound

By: Will Blackburn, Class of '18

Deep within the belly's girth of space,
Silence stirred and slew the hordes of
noise.

Quiet stilled each pitched wave with
pikes
Shot from muffled bows into their
mouths.

Matter dark and blackened dwarves
now dwell,
Marring moons and slaughtering their
suns.

Two were sent to stunt the growing
hush,
Where the planets walked the Outer
Planes.

Eastward came the Sentinel of Sound,
Flying fast on feathered wings of time.
Westward came the Sonic Sentry,
Streaming on the silver steeds of stars.

High on hill beside the shady holes,
Where evil rests in infinite night,
Loud and quivering the twain did meet,
Clashed their spears and split the
peace.

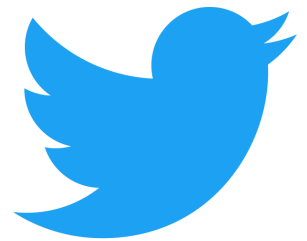
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